

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim [[1]] 13, wherein the requested ~~feature is~~ features are transmitted in encrypted form to the central server.

5-6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) The ~~system~~ method as claimed in claim [[5]] 13, ~~further comprising wherein~~ a plurality of the central servers ~~having identical databases~~ are provided that each has the same said database therein.

8-12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A method for identifying a user, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a central server with a database that includes plural different person-specific features of the user that are arranged in the database in a first feature group that includes at least two of (a) a print from at least one finger, (b) an image of the iris of at least one eye, (c) a voice sample, (d) a sample signature, (e) an image of at least part of the user, and [[(e)]] (f) a genetic fingerprint, and in a second feature group that includes at least two of (a) the user name,

(b) the user date of birth, (c) a user number, and (d) a secret number;

the central server randomly selecting one of the person-specific features from the first feature group and randomly selecting a further one of the person-specific features from the first and second feature groups;

transmitting a request for the randomly selected person-specific features from the central server to the user over a telecommunication network;

the user obtaining the requested person-specific features at a user computer remote from the central server and transmitting the requested person-specific features to the central server over the telecommunication network;

in the central server comparing the person-specific features from the user to the randomly selected person-specific features in the database to identify the user.